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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/2/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 37-41,45-50,54-59,63-68 and 72.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to amendment filed on 6/2/2008.
2. The objection to Specification is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.
3. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 to claims 1-36 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.
4. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph to claims 1-36 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.
5. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Chang et al. USPN 5,724,425 to claims 1, 15, 21-24, and 31-32 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.
6. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Chang et al., USPN 5,724,425 in view of O'Neill, USPN 6,832,373 to claims 2-14, 16-20, 25-30, and 33-36 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.
7. The Abstract has been amended (see Examiner's Amendment below).
8. Claims 37, 45-46, 54-55, 63-64, and 72 have been amended (see Examiner's Amendment below).
9. Claims 42-44, 51-53, 60-62, and 69-71 have been canceled (see Examiner's Amendment below).
10. Claims 37-41, 45-50, 54-59, 63-68, and 72 are pending.
11. Claims 37-41, 45-50, 54-59, 63-68, and 72 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

12. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Lathrop (Reg. No. 34,655) on 8/20/2008 to place the application in condition for allowance.

The application has been amended as below:

Specification:

Replace the Abstract as following:

ABSTRACT

It is possible to prevent unauthorized use of software such as a game program in download type software distribution for using a program and data by storing them in a user computer in advance. A user downloads a game program of new version (including an accompanying data group) and an execution program from a distribution computer. The execution control program performs authentication by online with an authentication computer and acquires start information required for starting the game program. The execution control program decodes the game program according to the start information and starts it. When the user terminates the game by terminating the game program, the

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execution control program deletes all or a part of the game program so as to incapacitate it.

In the Claims:

Claims 42-44, 51-53, 60-62, and 69-71 have been canceled.

Claims 37, 45-46, 54-55, 63-64, and 72 have amended as following:

37. (currently amended) A method for installing software, verifying installation of software and executing software in a computer, wherein the method comprises:

receiving encoded software and an execution control program;

~~executing the execution control program, wherein execution of the execution control program performs steps comprising:~~

executing the execution control program to provide sending-user data that identifies the computer or a user of the computer to a verification server, the verification server comparing the user data to information stored in a database to verify the user data and, if the user data is verified, providing decoding information and starting information to the computer, wherein the decoding information allows encoded software to be decoded and installed in the computer, and the starting information allows the installed decoded software to execute in the computer;

~~receiving from the verification server decoding information and starting information in response to the verification server verifying the user data; and~~

executing the execution control program to decode ~~decoding~~ the encoded software in response to the decoding information to obtain decoded software and installing the decoded software;

starting execution of the installed decoded software using the starting information, wherein the installed decoded software will not execute without the starting information;

sending ~~providing~~ the user data or session data that identifies the computer or the user of the computer to the verification server one or more times during the execution of the installed decoded software; ~~and,~~

Deleted:

the verification server comparing the user data or the session data to information stored in the database to verify the user data or the session data during the execution of the installed decoded software; and

ending the execution of the installed decoded software in response to the verification server failing to verify the user data or the session data during the execution installed software.

45. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 44~~ claim 37 that comprises:

determining a reporting period according to a load condition of a verification server; and

instructing the computer to send the user data or the session data to the verification server in each reporting period during the execution of the installed decoded software.

46. (currently amended) A storage medium recording a program of instructions that is executable by a machine to perform a method for installing software, verifying installation of software and executing software in a computer, wherein the method comprises:

receiving encoded software and an execution control program;

~~executing the execution control program, wherein execution of the execution control program performs steps comprising:~~

executing the execution control program to provide ~~sending~~ user data that identifies the computer or a user of the computer to a verification server, the verification server comparing the user data to information stored in a database to verify the user data and, if the user data is verified, providing decoding information and starting information to the computer, wherein the decoding information allows encoded software to be decoded and installed in the computer, and the starting information allows the installed decoded software to execute in the computer;

~~receiving from the verification server decoding information and starting information in response to the verification server verifying the user data; and~~

executing the execution control program to decode ~~decoding~~ the encoded software in response to the decoding information to obtain decoded software and installing the decoded software; and

starting execution of the installed decoded software using the starting information, wherein the installed decoded software will not execute without the starting information.

~~sending~~ providing the user data or session data that identifies the computer or the user of the computer to the verification server one or more times during the execution of the installed decoded software; and

the verification server comparing the user data or the session data to information stored in the database to verify the user data or the session data during the execution of the installed decoded software; and

ending the execution of the installed decoded software in response to the verification server failing to verify the user data or the session data during the execution installed software.

54. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 53 that~~ medium of claim 46,
wherein the method comprises:

determining a reporting period according to a load condition of a verification server; and

instructing the computer to send the user data or the session data to the verification server in each reporting period during the execution of the installed decoded software.

55. (currently amended) A computer system comprising a first computer and a second computer for installing software, verifying installation of software and executing software in the first computer, wherein the first computer comprises:

a first calculation processing unit;

first memory;

first input-output circuits;

one or more first storage devices; and

first circuitry that couples the first calculation processing unit, the first

memory, the first input-output circuits and the one or more first storage devices;

wherein the one or more first storage devices record encoded software and an execution control program, the first memory records programs including at least a portion of the execution control program for execution by the first calculation processing unit to:

send user data through the first input-output circuits that identifies the first computer or a user of the first computer to ~~a~~the second computer,

receive through the first input-output circuits decoding information and starting information from the second computer;

decode the encoded software in response to the decoding information to obtain decoded software and install the decoded software;

start execution of the installed decoded software using the starting information, wherein the installed decoded software will not execute without the starting information;

send the user data or session data that identifies the first computer or the user of the first computer through the first input-output circuits to the second computer one or more times during the execution of the installed decoded software; and

end the execution of the installed decoded software in response to the second computer failing to verify the execution of the installed decoded software;

wherein the second computer comprises:

a second calculation processing unit;

second memory;

second external input-output circuits;

one or more second storage devices storing a database; and

second circuitry that couples the second calculation processing unit, the second memory, the second external input-output circuits and the one or more second storage devices; and

wherein the second memory records programs for execution by the second calculation processing unit to:

receive user data through the second external input-output circuits that identifies the first computer or a user of the first computer,

compare the user data to information stored in the database to verify the user data;

if the user data is verified, send decoding information and starting information to the first computer through the second external input-out circuits,

wherein the decoding information allows encoded software to be decoded and installed in the first computer, and the starting information allows the installed decoded software to execute in the first computer:

receive the user data or session data from the first computer one or more times through the external input-output circuits during the execution of the installed decoded software;

compare the user data or the session data to information stored in the database to verify the user data or the session data during the execution of the installed decoded software; and

prohibit the first computer from continuing the execution of the installed decoded software if verifying the user data or the session data fails.

63. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 62 that comprises:~~ The computer system of claim 55, wherein the second memory records programs for execution by the second calculation processing unit to:

~~determining~~ determine a reporting period according to a load condition of the second computer; and

~~instructing~~ instruct the first computer to send the user data or the session data in each reporting period during the execution of the installed decoded software.

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64. (currently amended) A computer system for installing software, verifying installation of software and executing software in a computer, wherein the computer system comprises:

means for receiving encoded software and an execution control program;

means for ~~sending~~ providing user data that identifies the computer or a user of the computer to a verification server,

means for comparing the user data to information stored in a database to verify the user data and, if the user data is verified, for providing decoding information and starting information to the computer, wherein the decoding information allows encoded software to be decoded and installed in the computer, and the starting information allows the installed decoded software to execute in the computer;

~~means for receiving from the verification server decoding information and starting information in response to the verification server verifying the user data;~~
~~and~~

means for decoding the encoded software in response to the decoding information to obtain decoded software and installing the decoded software;

means for starting execution of the installed decoded software using the starting information, wherein the installed decoded software will not execute without the starting information;

means for ~~sending~~providing the user data or session data that identifies the computer or the user of the computer to the verification server one or more times during the execution of the installed decoded software; ~~and~~

means for comparing the user data or the session data to information stored in the database to verify the user data or the session data during the execution of the installed decoded software; and

means for ending the execution of the installed decoded software in response to the verification server failing to verify the user data or the session data during the execution installed software.

72. (currently amended) The ~~method of claim 71~~computer system of claim 64 that comprises:

means for determining a reporting period according to a load condition of a verification server; and

means for instructing the computer to send the user data or the session data to the verification server in each reporting period during the execution of the installed decoded software.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

13. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, executing the execution control program to provide user data that identifies the computer or a user of the computer to a verification server, the verification server comparing the user data to information stored in a database to verify the user data and, if the user data is verified, providing decoding information and starting information to the computer, wherein the decoding information allows encoded software to be decoded and installed in the computer, and the starting information allows the installed decoded software to execute in the computer; executing the execution control program to decode the encoded software in response to the decoding information to obtain decoded software and installing the decoded software; starting execution of the installed decoded software using the starting information, wherein the installed decoded software will not execute without the starting information; providing the user data or session data that identifies the computer or the user of the computer to the verification server one or more times during the execution of the installed decoded software; the verification server comparing the user data or the session data to information stored in the database to verify the user data or the session data during the execution of the installed decoded software; and ending the execution of the installed decoded software in response to the verification server failing to verify the user data or the session data during the execution installed software as recited in independent claims 37, 46, 55, and 64.

The closest cited prior art, the combination of Chang et al., (USPN 5,724,425), and O'Neill, (USPN 6,832,373), teaches a method for installing software, verifying installation of software, and executing software in a computer. However, the combination of Chang et al. and O'Neill, fails to teaches executing the execution control program to provide user data that identifies the computer or a user of the computer to a verification server, the verification server comparing the user data to information stored in a database to verify the user data and, if the user data is verified, providing decoding information and starting information to the computer, wherein the decoding information allows encoded software to be decoded and installed in the computer, and the starting information allows the installed decoded software to execute in the computer; executing the execution control program to decode the encoded software in response to the decoding information to obtain decoded software and installing the decoded software; starting execution of the installed decoded software using the starting information, wherein the installed decoded software will not execute without the starting information; providing the user data or session data that identifies the computer or the user of the computer to the verification server one or more times during the execution of the installed decoded software; the verification server comparing the user data or the session data to information stored in the database to verify the user data or the session data during the execution of the installed decoded software; and ending the execution of the installed decoded software in response to the verification server failing to verify the user data or the session data during the execution installed software as recited in

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independent claims 37, 46, 55, and 64, also as pointed out in Applicant's Remarks, pages 17-18.

These claimed limitations are not present in the prior art of record and would not have been obvious, thus all pending claims 37-41, 45-50, 54-59, 63-68, and 72 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anna Deng whose telephone number is 571-272-5989.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Fridays 9:30 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Zhen can be reached on 571-272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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